(c) the fresh steps Government proposed to take to check the theft of the nuclear materials from various institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part(a).

(c) Adequate security measures are already in place at various nuclear installations in the country to prevent any theft of nuclear material.

Misuse of PCO of Handicapped Quota

† 217. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the "Jansatta' dated the 28th August, 2002 (published from Lucknow) under the column Shaharnama under the title "Viklang Kote Ke PCO ka Jamkar Durupyog";

(b) if so, the number of cases which came to Government's notice during the last one year;

(c) the reasons for which handicapped are compelled to sell their PCOs; and

(d) Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Government in last one year as confirmed by U.P. Telecom Circle Office.

(c) and (d) Sale of PCOs is not permissible as per policy. However, an allottee may surrender the PCO due to various reasons such as migration from one place to another, better employment etc.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.